

**Maryland Energy Administration
Maryland's Green Building Tax Credit
Qualifications for the Tax Credit**

Prerequisites

1. Building Type

Eligible Building:

- ✍ Must be located in Maryland, and
- ✍ Primarily non-residential with at least 20,000 sq. ft. of interior space; or
- ✍ Residential multi-family building with at least 12 dwelling units, containing at least 20,000 sq. ft.; or
- ✍ A combination of the two above

2. Building Location

In the case of new construction:

(Choose one)

- ✍ Located on a qualified brownfields site; or
- ✍ Located in a priority funding area and not on wetlands

Or,

In the case of a rehabilitation of a building:

(Choose one)

- ✍ Located in a priority funding area; or
- ✍ Not an increase of more than 25% in the square footage of the original building size

Green Whole Buildings, New Construction: Standards and Methods for Determining Compliance.

A green whole building, newly constructed, is a building that:

1. Uses not more than 65 percent of the energy attributable to a reference building which meets the requirements of applicable energy efficiency standards under ASHRAE 90.1-1999;
2. At a minimum, is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for a rating of "Silver" in the LEED Rating System Version 2.0;
3. Is certified as meeting the requirement to qualify for the following credits in the LEED Rating System Version 2.0:
 - a. Sustainable Sites, Credit 8 Light Pollution;
 - b. Water Efficiency, Credit 3.1, Water Use Reduction; and
 - c. Materials and Resources, Credit 2.1, Construction Waste Management.
4. A green whole building shall comply with all applicable State, county, and local regulations governing the construction of a building and related processes.

Green Whole Buildings, Rehabilitated: Standards and Methods for Determining Compliance.

A green whole building, rehabilitated, is a building that:

A. Meets the following requirements:

1. Uses no more than 75 percent of the energy attributable to a reference building which meets the requirements of applicable energy efficiency standards under ASHRAE 90.1-1999;
2. At a minimum, is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for a rating of “Silver” in the LEED Rating System Version 2.0;
3. Is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for two of the three following credits in the LEED Rating System Version 2.0:
 - a. Sustainable Sites, Credit 8, Light Pollution Reduction;
 - b. Water Efficiency, Credit 3.1, Water Use Reduction; and
 - c. Materials and Resources, Credit 2.1, Construction Waste Management; or

B. Meets the following requirements:

1. Uses not more than 75 percent of the energy attributable to a reference building which meets the requirements of applicable energy efficiency standards under ASHRAE 90.1-1999
2. At a minimum, is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for a rating of “Silver” in the USGBC’s LEED for Existing Buildings/The LEED Green Building Rating System for Improving Building Performance through Upgrades and Operations Version 2.0 Unballoted Draft for Pilot Program (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, January 2002);
3. Is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for the following credits in the LEED for Existing Buildings/The LEED Green Building Rating System for Improving Building Performance through Upgrades and Operations Version 2.0 Unballoted Draft for Pilot Program (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, January 2002):
 - a. Sustainable Sites, Credit 8, Light Pollution Reduction;
 - b. Water Efficiency, Credit 3 (1 point), Water Use Reduction; and
 - c. Materials and Resources, Credit 2.1, Construction Waste Management.

Green Base Buildings: Standards and Methods for Determining Compliance.

A. A green base building, newly constructed, is a building that:

1. Uses not more than 65 percent of the energy attributable to a reference building that meets the requirements of applicable energy efficiency standards under ASHRAE 90.1-1999;
2. Is certified as having attained a minimum of “Silver” in the LEED Rating System Version 2.0;
3. Is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for two of the three following credits in the LEED Rating System Version 2.0:

- a. Sustainable Sites, Credit 8, Light Pollution Reduction;
- b. Water Efficiency, Credit 3.1 Water Use Reduction;
- c. Materials and Resources, Credit 2.1, Construction Waste Management.

B. A green base building, rehabilitated, is a building that:

- 1. Uses not more than 75 percent of the energy attributable to a reference building that meets the requirements of applicable energy efficiency standards under ASHRAE 90.1-1999;
- 2. Is certified as having attained a minimum of “Silver” in the USGBC’s LEED for Existing Buildings/The LEED Green Building Rating System for Improving Building Performance through Upgrades and Operations Version 2.0 Unballoted Draft for Pilot Program (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, January 2002):
 - a. Sustainable Sites, Credit 8, Light Pollution Reduction;
 - b. Water Efficiency, Credit 3 (1 point), Water Use Reduction;
 - c. Materials and Resources, Credit 2, Construction Waste Management.

C. A green base building, newly constructed or rehabilitated, shall comply with all applicable State, county, and local regulations governing the construction of a building and related processes.

Checklist
<div data-bbox="284 1117 623 1155">✍ Eligible building type</div> <div data-bbox="284 1190 557 1228">✍ Eligible location</div> <div data-bbox="284 1264 980 1302">✍ Meets one of the listed green building standards</div>